## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ESTIMATION OF COMPONENT GATING AND SHORTAGE RISK IN MANUFACTURING **OPERATIONS** 

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for a three-month extension of time within which to respond outstanding Office Action dated February 15, 2006, such extension allowing the undersigned until August 15, 2006, to respond.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$510.00 to Deposit Account No. 502306.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia, 22313-1450, on August 15, 2006.

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